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CMC (ARAD) prior to responding to requests, including those from Members of Congress. The foregoing policy should be considered when weighing the releasability of the address or phone number of a specifically named individual.

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§701.9 For Official Use Only (FOUO).

FOUO is a marking which is placed on documents to alert the holder that they contain information that may be withheld under exemptions (b)(2) through (b)(9) of the FOIA. Because FOUO is not a security classification, exemption (b)(1) does not apply.

- (a) Prior FOUO application. The prior application of FOUO is not a conclusive basis for withholding a record requested under FOIA. When such a record is requested, it shall be evaluated to determine whether FOIA exemptions apply in withholding all or portions of the record. Information which is reasonably segregable and does not fall under a FOIA exemption(s) must be released to the requester.
- (b) *Historical papers*. Records such as notes, working papers, and drafts retained as historical evidence of Department of the Navy actions have no special status apart from FOIA exemptions.
- (c) Time to mark records. The marking of records at the time of their creation provides notice of FOUO content and facilitates review when a record is requested under the FOIA. Records requested under FOIA that do not bear such markings, shall not be assumed to be releasable without examination for the presence of information that requires continued protection and qualifies as exempt from public release.
- (d) Distribution statement. Information in a technical document that requires a distribution statement under OPNAVINST 5510.1 series, "Department of the Navy Information and Personnel Security Program Regulation," shall bear that statement and may be marked FOUO, as appropriate.
- (e) Location of markings. (1) An unclassified document that contains FOUO information shall have FOR OF-FICIAL USE ONLY typed, stamped, or

printed in capital letters centered at the bottom on the outside of the front cover (if any), on each page containing FOUO information, and on the outside of the back cover (if any).

(2) An unclassified directive that contains FOUO information shall have FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY typed, stamped, or printed in capital letters centered at the bottom on the outside of the front cover (if any), on each page of the directive top and bottom, and on the outside of the back cover (if any).

(3) Within a classified document, an individual page that contains both FOUO and classified information shall be marked at the top and bottom with the highest security classification of information appearing on the page.

- (4) Within a classified or unclassified document, an individual page that contains FOUO information, but does not contain classified information, shall have FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY typed, stamped, or printed in capital letters centered at the top and bottom edge of the page.
- (5) Other records, such as photographs, films, cassette tapes, movies, or slides, shall be marked FOR OFFI-CIAL USE ONLY so that a recipient or viewer knows the status of the information.
- (6) Unclassified automatic data processing (ADP) media with FOUO information shall be marked as follows:
- (i) An unclassified deck of punched or aperture cards with FOUO information shall be marked as a single document with FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY marked on the face of the first and last card, and on the top of the deck.
- (ii) An unclassified magnetic tape, cassette, or disk pack that contains FOUO information shall have FOR OF-FICIAL USE ONLY marked externally on a removable label. The resulting hard copy report or computer printout shall reflect the FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY marking on the top and bottom of each page. It may be accomplished by using a programmable header or marking the hard copy manually.
- (7) FOUO material transmitted outside the Department of the Navy requires an expanded marking to explain the significance of the FOUO marking. This may be accomplished by typing or stamping the following statement on